

REMARKS

The examiner has rejected claim 1 over the Fenton patent. Fenton's design is consistent with the teachings of the prior art. Whenever a bottle is to be placed on a surface whether the surface is a deadplate or a Lehr mat as in Fenton, conventional technology displaces the bottle to a location slightly above the surface and the "deposits" (drops) the bottle onto the surface. This is described in the application with reference to deadplates in an I.S. machine and Fenton describes this for a Lehr mat associated with an I.S. machine.

No reference discloses a two part motion as claimed in claim 1. Claim 1 states that the bottle is first located at "a second position a selected distance above the deadplate" and then is displaced "downwardly toward the deadplate to a third position".

Applicant also claims the release of the bottle located at the third position onto the deadplate.

Since the direction of the art has been consistent for many, many years - and since this claimed invention departs from this direction, the references constitute evidence that the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant accordingly requests that the claims be presently allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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